

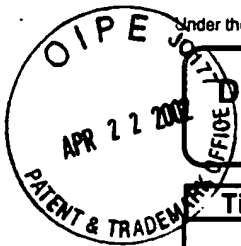
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## DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)

Title of Invention

Method of Deleting Unnecessary Information from a Database

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- ☒ Application No. 09/997,269, filed on November 27, 2001
- ☐ as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable);

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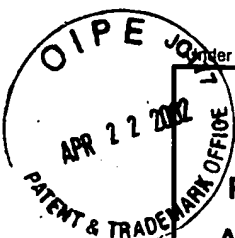
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Title	Method of Deleting Unnecessary Information from a Database
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Applicant/Patent Owner: Jeffry J. Grainger

Application No./Patent No.: 09/997,269

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